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Civic organizations, such as the Marlinton Kiwanis Club, The Woman's Club, The Community Clubs, do more to bring the people of a community together for good than any other agent. They bring people together on a common ground, to work out each other's problems.

The Droop Mountain Battlefield Park project is something every Pocahontas countian is becoming intensely interested in. Friday night the Kiwanis Club met with the citizens of Little Levels District to discuss Droop Mountain, and start the nucleus of an association to assist in the completion of the park. At this meeting the realization that a thing can be accomplished only through cooperation was brought out vividly. If the citizens of the Levels and Edray Districts can start the ball rolling and can secure the wholehearted assistance of the people of Huntersville and Greenbank Districts, the possibilities of getting an appropriation from the legislature large enough to put Droop Mountain Park in tip-top shape and getting it on the map are unlimited. Before the park has reached even a premature stage of completion, everybody in Pocahontas county will begin to reap a harvest far beyond their expectations. Tourists are people who go places to see things. The Droop Mountain Battlefield, with a historical background, coupled with the most picturesque scenery to be found anywhere in West Virginia, will be the one place in the state every tourist crossing the border will want to see—and every individual in the county will be benefited either directly or indirectly by the visit.

As it has been more than thirty months since The Journal's memorable subscription campaign, during the next few days many of our subscribers will receive a notice with the amount they owe on it. We hate like fury to devil our valued readers with these notices—but you know

kota, Indiana, Illinois and a number of other states.

One of the leading Democrats endorse the Hoover-Curtis cause. He been former Senator Robert L. Owen of Oklahoma, author of the federal reserve act and of the farm loan act who announced that he would support Mr. Hoover for president, cause of the Republican candidate's monumental record in preserving human life during and after the war.

"Herbert Hoover, in my opinion is the best qualified man ever presented by any party in America for the presidency during my lifetime," declared Senator Owen.

He asserted that Tammany is the only issue of the campaign between the candidates, and urged fellow Democrats to join him in a fight to prevent "the Tammanyization of the government of the United States."

Another nationally-known Democrat who followed Owen's lead was Vance C. McCormick of Harrisburg, Pa., national chairman of the Democratic party in 1916.

Professor Irving Fisher of Yale University, one of the country's best known economists, who supported Woodrow Wilson in both 1912 and 1916 and has voted for Democratic presidential candidates since, came out with a ringing statement for Herbert Hoover, in which he emphasized the various counts on which the Republican candidate deserves the nation's support.

The resignation of Senator F. M. Simmons, veteran Democratic leader of North Carolina, from the Democratic national committee, on which he has served for 30 years, is regarded by political observers as one of the most severe thrusts yet made at the Democratic national ticket. Senator Simmons, whose influence in his own state has been equalled by few leaders in the country's political history, gave no reason for his resignation, but his uncompromising opposition to control of his party by the Tammany wing in the past supplied a probable cause.

COUNTY FAIR TIME

This is the season that county fairs thrive. Harvesting, generally, is over, with the crops stored away, and the annual county exposition provides a manner of rest and recreation for the farmer and his family who have labored through the hot summer months.

Last week one of the most successful fairs in the history of Pocahontas county was held, and on its biggest attendance day more than 10,000 persons were attracted to Marlinton to participate. At Oak Hill, Fayette county, also staged a very successful event. During the present week, the annual Greenbrier Valley fair is being held at the grounds half-way between Lewisburg and Ronceverte, while plans are now being completed for the fairs in Summers, Raleigh and Kanawha which follow in the next few weeks, as well as those in other parts of the state.

These county fairs have become wonderful institutions for the farming element of the state. In nearly

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spirit to overlook personal gains, and the profits that accrue from the ventures each year, are put back into the association for use the following year, thus assuring the people who attend more attractions for their admission money.

But the financial aspect aside, the greater good the fairs accomplish is in the exhibits of products and live stock, in which keen but friendly rivalry is shown. In this manner, the fairs contribute to the aid of the entire state, for they tend to make the farmer work harder to produce a higher grade of farm product or livestock and when the housewife in the city buys the product she is getting better quality each year.

Then, too, the fair enrolls under a common banner farmers from all parts of the county and in nearby sections of the state, and this is one of its greatest assets. Every farmer has his problems, and during the week at the fair he is given an opportunity of swapping yarns, and there-
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parts of the county and in nearby sections of the state. and this is one of its greatest assets. Every farmer has his problems, and during the week at the fair he is given an opportunity of swapping yarns, and thereby often gains knowndedge which will prove profitable to him later. With all due respect to the fine work being done by the extension courses of our universities and schools, we believe a farmer can learn more in a single afternoon at a county fair than in a six months correspondence school course — Charleston Gazette.

A Birthday Surprise party was given the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Richardson, Thursday night in honor of their daughter Mary. Those present were Eula Walton, Mabel White, Georgia Wooddell, Virginia Neel, Kathleen Baxter, Louise Moore, Helen McFerrin, Mr. and Mrs. Lord and son "Bobby" Jess Wiley Percy

August 11, a week.

Pocahontas County Fair

All Next Week

Gates open for exhibitors
Monday, 9 a. m.
For Patrons 4 p. m.

The prospects for exhibits in all departments have never been better. The educational features of each department are outstanding. Besides having the time of your life, each and everyone will take home something worthwhile.

District Days

Each district of Pocahontas County has been given a special day. On this day, the people of the district will be hosts and hostesses to all patrons of the Fair. In other words it is up to the people of that particular district to see that everyone has a good time.

Special Feature

Hon. J. D. Muldoon, of Marshall College, who conducted the first public school days in the State, will lead the Community Singing in front of the Grand Stand each night just before the Fireworks.

Train Stop

All passenger trains will stop opposite the Fair Grounds the week of the Fair. Patrons will be ferried over the river free of charge.

Dairy Cattle Show

The present entries indicate a splendid dairy cattle show.

Horse Racing

Prospects never better for a good racing program.

Athletics

Every morning and afternoon. Baseball, Football, Etc.

The indications are for the greatest County Fair ever held in the State. Change of entertainment each day. More new things than ever before.

Come and spend the week. Meet old friends and make new ones.

them clearly in captivity. Fifty years ago they were in this county to the state. The last to be killed was Clay in 1847. One also that was killed on the Little Lefels which in the cattle sales. My theory to account their seen here of late as it is a roving animal, living a range of a thousand miles. We sometimes see a puma in the state in winter and summer in C. I think that it will be a matter of time until some one will bring it in. Panthers are responsible for the sheep whose kill charged against Mr. De

Dear Andy:

The fifty scalps from undoubtedly plain wild which is a larger animal than about twice as long as common wild cat or bob cat.

Now, your friends exactly if they saw (concolor) by the size well as unmistakably. The puma has a very long tail about 30 inches or more and it is not straight out all a right but it is thick round and it is carried like a cat out and downward with a curve upward at the tip.

The whole group are a large puma is some to nine feet in length tawny color with a black stripe down the side most exactly like a cat tail carried in same manner.

Yes, I have long Meshach stories and them is the one about Mary having having and some months after a neighbor Col. Linn Maryland doctor for good man tent Mary which she took religion and in her face was beauty fully restored.

three more pills and problem with much difficulty and Mary's part as taking them. However the doctor had done they figured he knew was doing and she additional and her face to the other side where stayed. It was the slack's cunning device failed here. Three verse should have been the same place and Mary as ever but it did not.

But aside from jest country he was in. out of one laurel bed his dig in. Took 70 to Baltimore one besides several bears.

Now, I have always curiosity about this and I thought this a

THE FAIR AUG 19 TO 24

WHAT IS THE POCAHONTAS COUNTY FAIR?

The Fair is a graphic method of portraying what has been accomplished by the various agencies operating in Pocahontas County. It is a moving picture of the routine activities of our citizens and is made to show something of our industries, our occupations, and our social organizations—a representation of Pocahontas County people at work and play.

The Fair aims at the improvement of the County. Exhibitors and visitors from a distance bring advanced ideas and methods; our own citizens, by associating with each other and comparing exhibits are enabled to choose the best and to formulate plans for the improvement of the community, the farm, the home, the church and the school.

The Fair seeks to advertise Pocahontas County, not by overdrawing, but by giving strangers an opportunity to become acquainted with the county and its people.

The Fair registers changes. Instead of the great areas of worthless cutover lands which occupied so much of the county a few years ago, we have extensive parks at Seneca, Watoga and Droop Mountain. There is the National Forestry Service with a camp at Thornwood. The State Fish Hatchery on Stony Creek, three miles from the Fairgrounds, furnishes a supply of trout for the streams. The parks and National Forests are game refuges, insuring an abundant stock of wild game for our woods. These State and Federal agencies, so recently come to Pocahontas, have entered wholeheartedly into the plans for the improvement of the county and are actively represented at the Fair.

Farm improvement in Pocahontas has been phenomenal. Those who saw the exhibits of livestock and farm crops at our early Fairs will note this improvement when they examine the exhibits this year. The Fair is one of the agencies responsible for these marked gains in potato development, methods of marketing and in quality of livestock and farm crops.

Public education is deemed an essential element of progress hence the schools have always held a place in the Pocahontas County Fair. The public school building, erected by the schools of the county, houses an educational exhibit that is unique in its quality and completeness. That education has been long nurtured by this mountain people is evidenced by the fact that among the first planters to die at the hands of Hetcher in what is now Pocahontas County was a school teacher, slain on the river's bank, just above the cattle barn, and but a few rods outside the Fair grounds.

The Fair is the Home Coming Sea-son for Pocahontas. It is a time when we welcome back our friends and relatives. The automobile and our modern system of highways have aided in making Home Coming one of the most enjoyable features of our Fair.

And talking about pictures! No picture is complete without its frame. The setting of the Pocahontas County Fair is in keeping with its high aims. The site is that of old Fort Driftnet where the advance log pioneers from east of the mountains met with the Shawnees and Iroquois. Its beautiful meadow lands lie by the historic Greenbrier; it is rimmed around by the forest clad hills and overlooked by the towering ranges of the western Alleghenies.

L. S. Gelger of Stony Bottom, brings in a bunch of potato seed pods. These potato berries are the first Mr. Gelger ever saw; they are new things to me, though we do not see them now as often as we used to years ago. There are quite a number of plants in Mr. Gelger's patch of an acre and a quarter producing seed this year. The patch was planted in Irish cobbles, certified seed, and carefully sprayed. It is Mr. Gelger's intention to cultivate some of the seed in the potato berries, and see what comes of it. You are liable to get most anything in the way of potato berries, and see what comes of it. You are liable to get most anything in the way of potatoes from the little seeds—mostly something no account. You plant the seeds in a pot in the fall and grow the plants in the house during the winter. The plants have each a tuber about the size of a pea, of most any shape and skin color. Pick out the small potatoes you think give promise of amounting to something and plant them out in the ground next spring. The scientific plant breeders at experimental stations are continually trying out potatoes to seed. They do not go it blind, for they know what is needed in the way of strains of high quality potatoes of heavy yield with resistance to diseases. Their aim is to continue in one the good points of several varieties. They begin at the beginning by crossing two tried and true varieties by hand pollination. Thousands of the resulting plants are reeled right off, and many more fall by the wayside in the rigid trying out process through the years of trial.

Speaking about potatoes, some weeks ago there was a note in this paper about potatoes persisting in a field many years between cultivations. Now, Warwick Radtke comes forward with the news that he has potato plants persisting in a field for eight consecutive years. This year he is again cultivating the ground, and he has marked and fertilized the volunteers. He will report later as to yield.

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